

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the instant application. Claim 12 has been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-11 and 13-17 stand rejected. Applicants herewith submit an English language translation of figures previously provided in paper number 7 for consideration by the examiner. Furthermore, applicants request reconsideration of the rejections made in paper number 8 and renew the arguments as outlined in the response of January 22, 2003.

The examiner has rejected claims 13-17 as indefinite. However, applicants maintain that the term "utilizing" is definite under MPEP §2173.05(q) and *Ex parte Porter* 25 USPQ2d 1144 (BPAI 1992). Furthermore, the examiner has rejected claims 1-11 and 13-17 under 35 USC §103 in view of Meier. However, applicants request reconsideration of this rejection in view of the figures submitted herewith and the arguments previously submitted in the response of January 22, 2003.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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